

**Notice of Allowability**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher Onuaku

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-12 are allowable over the prior art of record.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the invention relates to an information reproducing apparatus, an image display control method and a recording medium, including apparatus adapted for facilitating video data editing by displaying marks that indicate start points and end points of video data to be edited.

The closest reference Shore et al (US 5,760,767) disclose the editing of moving images such as audio/video images, including the user interface that provides sophisticated editing functions that are easy to implement.

However, Shore et al fail to explicitly disclose an information reproducing apparatus, where the apparatus comprises whereby the controller controls the display of a menu of editing commands and an indication of available commands from among the editing commands and an indication of available commands from among the editing commands, the available commands being determined according to the state of the stored image signal start points and end points.

Regarding claim 5, the invention relates to an information reproducing apparatus, an image display control method and a recording medium, including apparatus adapted for facilitating video data editing by displaying marks that indicate start points and end points of video data to be edited.

The closest reference Shore et al (US 5,760,767) disclose the editing of moving images such as audio/video images, including the user interface that provides sophisticated editing functions that are easy to implement.

However, Shore et al fail to explicitly disclose an image display control method, where the method comprises whereby a menu of editing commands is displayed and an indication of available commands from among the editing commands is also displayed, the available commands being determined according to the state of the stored image signal start points and end points.

Regarding claim 9, the invention relates to an information reproducing apparatus, an image display control method and a recording medium, including apparatus adapted for facilitating video data editing by displaying marks that indicate start points and end points of video data to be edited.

The closest reference Shore et al (US 5,760,767) disclose the editing of moving images such as audio/video images, including the user interface that provides sophisticated editing functions that are easy to implement.

However, Shore et al fail to explicitly disclose a storage medium recorded with a computer-readable program, where the program further whereby a menu of editing

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commands is displayed and an indication of available commands from among the editing commands is also displayed, the available commands being determined according to the state of the stored image signal start points and end points.

Regarding claim 10, the invention relates to an information reproducing apparatus, an image display control method and a recording medium, including apparatus adapted for facilitating video data editing by displaying marks that indicate start points and end points of video data to be edited.

The closest reference Shore et al (US 5,760,767) disclose the editing of moving images such as audio/video images, including the user interface that provides sophisticated editing functions that are easy to implement.

However, Shore et al fail to explicitly disclose an information processing apparatus, where the apparatus comprises whereby the controller controls the display of a menu of manipulating commands and an indication of available commands being from among the manipulation commands, the available commands being determined according to the state of the stored parameter.

Regarding claim 11, the invention relates to an information reproducing apparatus, an image display control method and a recording medium, including apparatus adapted for facilitating video data editing by displaying marks that indicate start points and end points of video data to be edited.

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The closest reference Shore et al (US 5,760,767) disclose the editing of moving images such as audio/video images, including the user interface that provides sophisticated editing functions that are easy to implement.

However, Shore et al fail to explicitly disclose an image display control method where the method comprises the step whereby a menu of manipulating commands is displayed and an indication of available commands from among the manipulation commands is also displayed, the available commands being determined according to the state of the stored parameter.

Regarding claim 9, the invention relates to an information reproducing apparatus, an image display control method and a recording medium, including apparatus adapted for facilitating video data editing by displaying marks that indicate start points and end points of video data to be edited.

The closest reference Shore et al (US 5,760,767) disclose the editing of moving images such as audio/video images, including the user interface that provides sophisticated editing functions that are easy to implement.

However, Shore et al fail to explicitly disclose a storage medium recorded with a computer-readable program for performing a data display control method, where the method comprises the step whereby a menu of manipulating commands is displayed and an indication of available commands from among the manipulation commands is also displayed, the available commands being determined according to the state of the stored parameter.

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**Conclusion**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Onuaku whose telephone number is 571-272-7379. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on 571-272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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